the Government, under its revised mega power policy announced some time back, has decided to set up a Power Trading Corporation (PTC) with majority equity participation by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), along with National Theremal Power Corportation (NTPC), Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and other financial institutions. Concerned State Governments/State Electricity Boards (SEBs) would also be co-opted, if found feasible. The PTC would purchase power from the identified private mega projects and sell it to the concerned State Electricity Boards/distributors/ licencees.

(c) The Standing Independent Group, headed by Justice P.N. Bhagwati, Retired Chief Justice of India, is the apex body to oversee implementation of the private mega power projects. A task force has also been set up within the Ministry of Power headed by the Special Secretary (Power) for monitoring the progress made by the Private power projects including the private mega projects.

Seizure of Explosives/RDX

*205. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in southern States, especially in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, where explosives/RDX were seized duing 1998;

(b) the number of such seizures;

(c) the number of persons arrested in these cases; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that such explosives are not sumuggled into the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Based on the information available, the details are given in the statement. (*see* below)

(d) Government has taken several measures which include gearing up of the intelligence machinery, sharing of actionable intelligence, development of Para-military forces on need basis, intensification of Coastal Patrolling and adequate steps towards border fencing, etc. to curb infiltration and smuggling.

Statement

S. No.	State	No. of cases	No. of persons arrested	Qty. of RDX	Qty. of other Explosives
1.	Tamil Nadu	118	170	Nil	Gelatin Sticks-10539 Nos. Gelatin - 60 Kgs. Gelatin - 2 bags (Wt. not known) Other Explosive-1332.895 kgs Other Explosive-47 Boxes (Wt. not known)
2.	Andhra Pradesh	26	52	18 kgs	Gelatin Sticks-1383 Nos. Gelatin - 202 kgs Gelation - 2 Bags (Wt. not known). Other Explosive-100.5 kgs
3.	Kerala	15	14	Nil	Gelatin Sticks-8644 Nos. Gelatin - 4225 kgs Other Explosive-1817.5 kgs.

Non-Payment of Dues by DVB

*206. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Badarpur Thermal Power Station, which meets nearly 1/3rd electricity requirements of Delhi, if facing a crisis sparked of by non-payment of dues by the DVB;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-payment